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REMARKS

A terminal disclaimer is submitted to overcome the nonstatutory double-patenting rejection.

The specification has been rejected for the reasons noted in the official action. Claim 16 has been slightly amended to comport with the recitations at page 7, lines 18-25 of the specification by the above claim amendments, and the presently pending claims are now believed to be in condition for allowance.

Claims 11 and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for the reasons noted in the official action. The rejected claims are accordingly amended, by the above claim amendments, and the presently pending claims are now believed to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention, thereby overcoming all of the raised § 112, second paragraph, rejections. If any further amendments are believed necessary to place this application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is courteously invited to telephone the undersigned Representative of the Applicant to discuss the same.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the raised rejection(s) should be withdrawn and this application is now placed in a condition for allowance. Action to that end, in the form of an early Notice of Allowance, is courteously solicited by the Applicant at this time.

The Applicant respectfully requests that any outstanding objection(s) or requirement(s), as to the form of this application, be held in abeyance until allowable subject matter is indicated for this case.

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Respectfully submitted, ,



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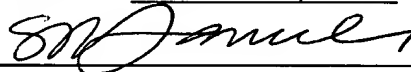
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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

11. (AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the oxidizable source of sulphur is chosen from the group consisting of one or more of SO_3^{2-} , $\text{SO}_2(\text{g})$, aqueous SO_2 , HSO_3^- , $\text{S}_2\text{O}_3^{2-}$, and $\text{S}_4\text{O}_6^{2-}$.

13. (AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein the inorganic species is chosen from the group consisting of one or more of arsenic manganese, cerium, ~~and/or~~ and iron.

16. (AMENDED) The method as claimed in claim 10, wherein ~~dissolved~~ the oxygen is ~~derived from a gas source with~~ supplied to the solution an oxygen a partial pressure of about 0.2 atmospheres.